

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
WESTERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS  
SAN ANTONIO DIVISION

LA UNION DEL PUEBLO ENTERO, et al.,  
*Plaintiffs,*

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v.

Case No. 5:21-cv-844-XR

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**STATE DEFENDANTS' BRIEF IN RESPONSE TO**  
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**APPENDIX V**

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**DECLARATION OF JONATHAN WHITE**

I, Jonathan White, pursuant to 28 U.S.C. 1746, am executing this declaration as part of my assigned duties and responsibilities. I declare under penalty of perjury that the facts stated below are true and correct to the best of my personal knowledge and belief.

1. I am over 18 years of age, of sound mind, and otherwise competent to make this Declaration. The evidence set out in the foregoing Declaration is based on my personal knowledge.
2. I am the former Division Chief of the Election Integrity Division of the Office of the Attorney General of Texas and submit this Declaration in support of the State's Motion for Summary Judgment in the above-captioned case.
3. I have been involved in election fraud prosecutions as some portion of my work since I started at the Attorney General's office 15 years ago in the White Collar Crime and Public Integrity Section of the Criminal Prosecutions Division. Through the years, our election caseload expanded, resulting in the creation of an Election Fraud Section, and ultimately the Election Integrity Division. In that time, I have reviewed hundreds of investigations, and handled approximately 100 prosecutions, many of which were complex, involving multiple, if not dozens, of election offenses.
4. The Election Integrity Division receives complaints about potential election fraud forwarded primarily from the Secretary of State's office. Our investigators then determine whether the facts support an allegation of fraud, and, if warranted, the Election Integrity Division prosecutes the offenses or assists counties in prosecuting the offenses. This prosecution role has evolved somewhat since the end of 2022.

5. During my tenure as Division Chief of the Election Integrity Division, I became familiar with the administration and operations of Texas elections, including the tasks, practices, and responsibilities that local Texas election authorities must fulfill; and the laws and regulations with which local election authorities must comply to plan, coordinate, manage, and execute a successful election.

6. [REDACTED]

7. [REDACTED]

8. [REDACTED]

9. [REDACTED]

10. [REDACTED]

11. [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] the Court of Criminal Appeals' ruling in *State v. Zena Stephens*, which declared the AG's statutorily granted authority to prosecute election cases unconstitutional.

17. All mail ballots, due to their nature of being handled and voted outside of a polling location,

[REDACTED] In the polling location, in-person voters have election judges and poll watchers to make sure that there is no electioneering; no harassment, pressure, or persuasion being placed on the voter to vote a certain way; that no one is marking the voter's ballot without authorization; and that the vote is actually turned in, counted, and not altered by any person. Paid operatives are not allowed to loiter in the polling place, or to collect ballots from voters and remove them from the polling place, with a promise to turn them in later on behalf of the voter. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]. There are laws prohibiting many of these bad acts, [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED]  
The City of Carrollton spans three different counties, [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] Once processed and removed from their envelopes, ballots are entirely anonymous and untraceable. They cannot be identified for removal from counting. Additionally, once a voter requests a mail ballot, they are unable to vote at a polling place without surrendering their mail ballot or going to election headquarters to file paperwork, including a sworn affidavit.

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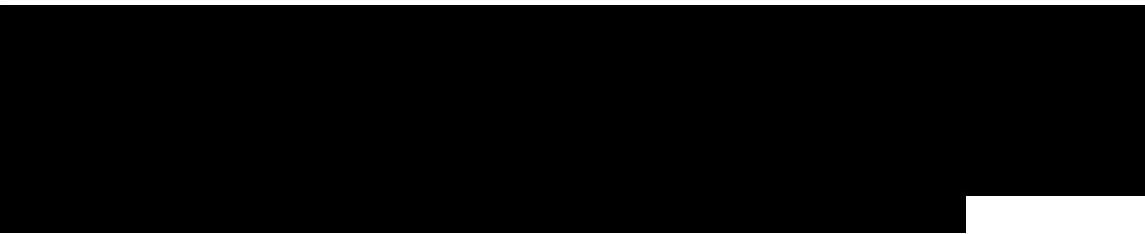
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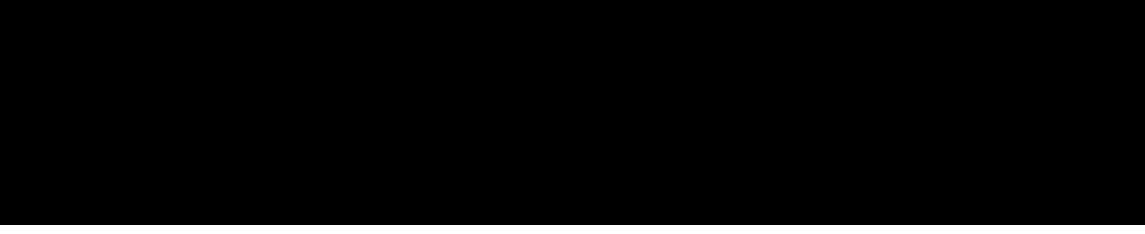
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33. Prior to SB1, one requirement intended to protect the integrity of the mail ballot was comparing the signature on the carrier envelope with the signature on the application for ballot by mail or another signature on file. [REDACTED]  
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Gregg County.

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Shannon Brown, Marlena Jackson, Charlie Burns, and

DeWayne Ward were indicted and pled guilty to election fraud [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

40. SB1 requires a voter to provide an ID number (either a driver's license, Texas ID, election identification certificate, DPS-issued personal identification card number, or the last 4 digits of an SSN) in order to apply for and cast a ballot by mail.

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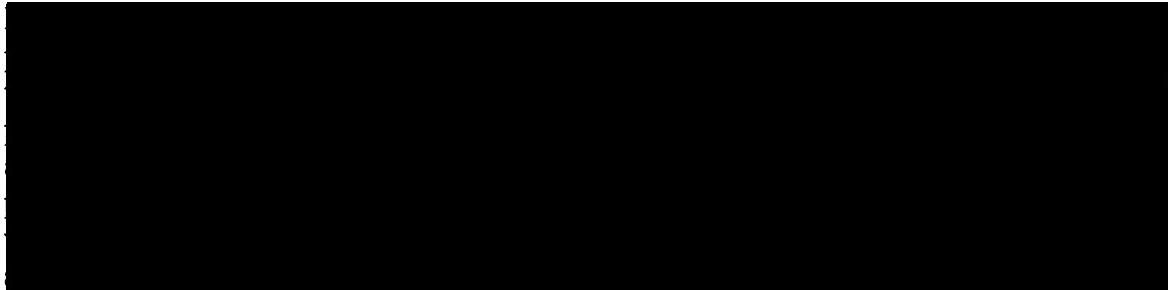
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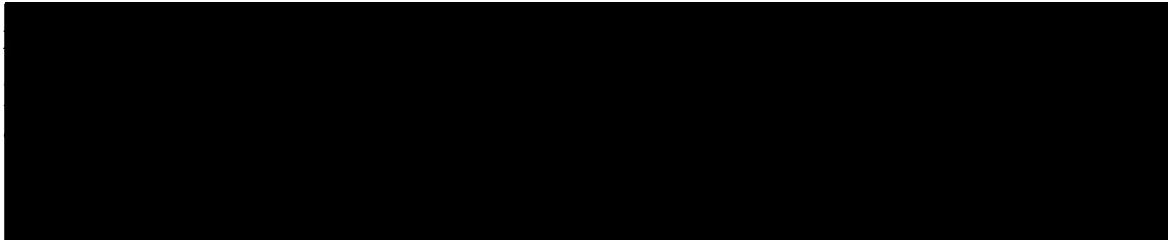
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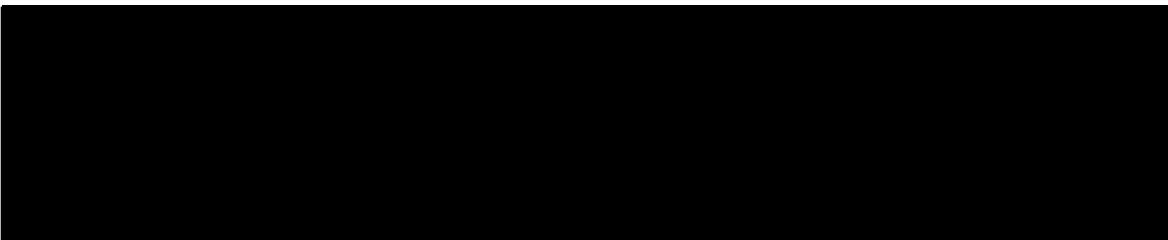
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Executed in Travis County on the 22nd day of June, 2023.



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Jonathan White  
Former Division Chief  
Election Integrity Division  
Office of the Attorney General of Texas

Transcript of the Testimony of  
**Michael Scarpello**

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ORAL AND VIDEOTAPED DEPOSITION OF  
MICHAEL SCARPELLO  
MAY 4, 2022  
Volume 1

ORAL AND VIDEOTAPED DEPOSITION OF MICHAEL SCARPELLO produced as a witness at the instance of Plaintiff, and duly sworn, was taken in the above-styled and numbered cause on the 4th day of May, 2022 from 10:21 a.m. to 1:11 p.m. before Nancy Newhouse, a Certified Shorthand Reporter in and for the State of Texas, reported by oral shorthand, located at the Dallas County Records Building, 500 Elm Street, Suite 6300, Dallas, Texas 75202, pursuant to the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure, and the provisions stated on the record or attached hereto.

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1 manipulation? 2 A. Well, I think that's -- I think the 3 legislature has prescribed rules to -- to protect 4 voters, and I follow the rules. 5 Q. Which rules do you think help protect voters 6 from manipulation, just a couple of examples, perhaps? 7 A. Sure. Privacy of in -- in the ballot booth, 8 for instance, so that you don't have someone standing 9 over your shoulder, telling you who to vote for; the 10 100-foot rule to keep people away from a polling place 11 as -- as far as in electioneering. 12 Q. So you mentioned that the rules regarding 13 privacy in the ballot booth help ensure that a voter 14 won't be kind of told who to vote for by someone else, 15 is that right? 16 A. Yes. 17 Q. Are you familiar with instances in which 18 someone has tried to tell voters who to vote for in -- 19 in an inappropriate way? 20 A. No. 21 Q. And the rules around privacy and other things 22 help make sure that doesn't happen? 23 A. Yes. 24 Q. A couple of things to confirm, you are not a 25 criminal prosecutor, are you?	Page 18	1 MR. THOMPSON: Of course. 2 Q. (BY MR. THOMPSON) Mr. Scarpello, can you see 3 Exhibit 2 in front of you? 4 A. Yes. 5 Q. In the bottom right-hand corner does it have a 6 Bates stamp that says "MS007415"? 7 A. Yes. 8 Q. Do you recognize Exhibit 2? 9 A. Yes. 10 Q. At the bottom of Exhibit 2, it appears to show 11 an email from someone named Zachary J. Bowen to you, is 12 that right? 13 A. Yes. 14 Q. Who is Zachary J. Bowen? 15 A. He's a -- I don't know what his pos -- I know 16 he's a special agent for Secret Service, well, 17 Diplomatic Security Service. 18 Q. Now, it looks to me like he wanted to meet 19 with you to discuss voter fraud, is that right? 20 A. Yes. 21 MR. STOOL: I'm going to object to any 22 further questioning in this area on the grounds of law 23 enforcement privilege. I understand you have the email, 24 and so you have that, but with regard to any 25 conversations that Agent -- Special Agent Bowen or	Page 20
1 A. No. 2 Q. You don't have the authority to put anyone in 3 jail for violating a criminal law, right? 4 A. No. 5 Q. Do you have the authority to file civil 6 enforcement actions related to violations of the 7 Election Code? 8 A. No. 9 Q. I'm going to set aside Exhibit 1, if you could 10 just keep it somewhere near here for the court reporter, 11 eventually? 12 MR. THOMPSON: I'm going to mark Exhibit 13 2. 14 (Defendant's Exhibit No. 2 was marked for 15 identification.) 16 MS. PERALES: Oh, I get one this time. 17 MR. THOMPSON: Oh. 18 MS. PERALES: Did you have Exhibit 1 for 19 me? 20 MR. THOMPSON: Oh yeah, I'm sorry. I 21 didn't even realize -- 22 MS. PERALES: Well, thank you. 23 MR. THOMPSON: -- you didn't get a copy, 24 hate to leave you out. 25 MS. PERALES: Thank you so much.	Page 19	1 anybody else with the federal government had concerning 2 this matter, I'll have to object to that on the grounds, 3 privilege of law enforcement privilege. 4 MR. THOMPSON: Well, let's see if I can 5 ask some questions that you think aren't covered by 6 privilege, but maybe just to -- 7 MR. STOOL: Uh-huh. 8 MR. THOMPSON: -- for me to understand 9 what's going on here. 10 Whose privilege are we talking about 11 right now, is this a privilege that, like, is -- I don't 12 know, could you tell me about the privilege we're 13 talking about? 14 MR. STOOL: It would be law enforcement 15 priv -- law enforcement privilege with regard to the 16 Diplomatic Security Service of the Federal Government, 17 is whatever conversations that Mr. Scarpello has had 18 with them, I -- I would need to assert that, because I 19 don't know what they are. 20 I mean, I -- I don't know exactly what 21 else is behind this, but if -- if it's an investigation 22 being conducted, and -- and I'm just looking at this, 23 says "federal criminal investigation", then it would be 24 a privilege to not disclose matters of a federal 25 criminal investigation, that privilege under law	Page 21

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<p>1 context of mail-in voting compared to in-person voting?</p> <p>2 A. I would speculate that it's higher. I have no</p> <p>3 evidence to point to that.</p> <p>4 Q. Are you familiar with any other public</p> <p>5 officials elected from the State of Texas who've made</p> <p>6 that claim?</p> <p>7 A. No.</p> <p>8 Q. Okay. So we say -- we just established that</p> <p>9 there is some level of risk that is there for that</p> <p>10 someone will try to vote under someone else's name, even</p> <p>11 if we don't know how high it is.</p> <p>12 So regardless of how high it is, do you</p> <p>13 think that requiring identification numbers, either a</p> <p>14 driver's license, or the last four digits of the social</p> <p>15 security number, to vote by mail, will increase or</p> <p>16 decrease the risk of someone voting under someone else's</p> <p>17 name?</p> <p>18 MS. PERALES: Objection.</p> <p>19 A. I don't know.</p> <p>20 Q. (BY MR. THOMPSON) Are you familiar with an --</p> <p>21 with the form that is often used to apply for a ballot</p> <p>22 by mail?</p> <p>23 A. Yes.</p> <p>24 Q. Do you know what information is required on</p> <p>25 that form?</p>	<p>1 level.</p> <p>2 Q. So let's start with the Dallas County one.</p> <p>3 The Dallas County voter file would</p> <p>4 contain the names and addresses of registered voters in</p> <p>5 Dallas County, right?</p> <p>6 A. Yes.</p> <p>7 Q. Do you know whether the Dallas County voter</p> <p>8 file is publicly available?</p> <p>9 A. It is.</p> <p>10 Q. So putting all that together, is it fair to</p> <p>11 say that the information -- excuse me, the identifying</p> <p>12 information that a voter had to fill out on an</p> <p>13 application to vote by mail before SB 1 took effect was</p> <p>14 all publicly available?</p> <p>15 A. Yes.</p> <p>16 Q. How has the application to vote by mail</p> <p>17 changed, in terms of what information it requires, since</p> <p>18 SB 1 took effect?</p> <p>19 A. Now, a voter has to include their driver's</p> <p>20 license or last four digits of their social security</p> <p>21 number, and that information on their application has to</p> <p>22 match up to the information on their voter registration.</p> <p>23 Q. The voter file doesn't contain voters'</p> <p>24 driver's license numbers, right?</p> <p>25 A. Can you repeat the question?</p>
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<p>1 A. Yes.</p> <p>2 Q. Before SB 1 took effect, is it fair to say</p> <p>3 that the information required on that form, that</p> <p>4 identifies the requesting voter, was all publicly</p> <p>5 available?</p> <p>6 A. I don't know.</p> <p>7 Q. Now, let's --</p> <p>8 A. I don't recall.</p> <p>9 Q. Let's break it down.</p> <p>10 The application to vote by mail before</p> <p>11 SB 1 required a voter's name, right?</p> <p>12 A. Yes.</p> <p>13 Q. And it required the voter's address, right?</p> <p>14 A. Yes.</p> <p>15 Q. Do you know whether it required any other</p> <p>16 identifying information?</p> <p>17 A. I don't think so.</p> <p>18 Q. Are you familiar with the term voter file?</p> <p>19 A. Uh-huh.</p> <p>20 Q. What is the voter file?</p> <p>21 A. The voter file is -- well, which voter file?</p> <p>22 I mean, there -- there is a county voter file, the --</p> <p>23 the list of registered voters that we maintain in Dallas</p> <p>24 County, which is also imported or merged with other</p> <p>25 counties at the state level, and maintained at the state</p>	<p>1 Q. Do you know whether the voter file contains</p> <p>2 driver's license numbers for the voters listed?</p> <p>3 A. It does for some, for -- for most people.</p> <p>4 Q. Are you sure about that?</p> <p>5 A. Can you ask me the question again?</p> <p>6 Q. I'm talking about driver's license numbers.</p> <p>7 A. Uh-huh.</p> <p>8 Q. Perhaps I am just mistaken, but my</p> <p>9 understanding is I could not discover your driver's</p> <p>10 license number, for example, by requesting the Dallas</p> <p>11 County voter file and pulling up your name?</p> <p>12 A. So we -- we have a different understanding of</p> <p>13 voter file. We have the voter file that -- that we</p> <p>14 maintain, contains driver's license numbers. A voter</p> <p>15 file that someone would purchase, is releasable, it</p> <p>16 would not contain that.</p> <p>17 Q. I'm sorry, that -- that's my fault for asking</p> <p>18 the question in a poor way. I'm trying to ask about the</p> <p>19 version of the voter file that is publicly available.</p> <p>20 A. Okay.</p> <p>21 Q. And this is a document that political</p> <p>22 campaigns request --</p> <p>23 A. Right.</p> <p>24 Q. -- for example?</p> <p>25 Right. And other people can request it?</p>

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1 A. Yes. 2 Q. With regard to the publically-available 3 version of the voter file, does it contain voters' 4 driver's license numbers? 5 A. Yes. I mean no, no. 6 Q. That's okay. Let's get it clear on the 7 record. 8 The publically-available version of a 9 voter file doesn't contain voters' driver's license 10 numbers, correct? 11 A. Correct. 12 Q. And the publically-available version of the 13 voter file doesn't contain voters' social security 14 numbers, correct? 15 A. Correct. 16 Q. Those are personally-identifying numbers that 17 Dallas County doesn't disclose to the public, right? 18 A. Correct. 19 Q. So now, after SB 1, the application to vote by 20 mail requires a voter to provide information that is not 21 publically available, correct? 22 A. Correct. 23 Q. Given that, is it fair to say that SB 1 has 24 made it more difficult for anyone to successfully 25 request an application to vote by mail, using someone	Page 58	1 A. Well, we have to be more specific. Cure 2 processes regarding applications, or -- or regarding 3 ballots? 4 Q. Right. So I -- I just wanted to understand 5 the process for both, actually, and I'm happy to ask you 6 more specifically, or however you want to handle it. 7 A. Yeah. Why don't you go ahead and ask me -- 8 Q. Okay. 9 A. -- more specifically. 10 Q. Is there a cure process for applications for a 11 ballot by mail? 12 A. Yes. 13 Q. Does it come into play when an application is 14 otherwise going to be rejected? 15 A. Yes. 16 Q. What can a voter do to cure an application to 17 vote by mail that would otherwise be rejected? 18 A. They can -- if they -- if they're missing -- 19 well, it depends on what the -- the flaw in the 20 application is. If they haven't signed, they need to 21 sign. If they haven't provided one of those two numbers 22 that we spoke of, they have to provide one of those 23 numbers. 24 There is a cure process, in theory, 25 that's supposed to work from -- to -- to have them go to	Page 60
1 else's information? 2 MS. PERALES: Objection. 3 A. Probably. 4 MR. THOMPSON: What was the objection, 5 Nina? 6 MS. PERALES: Well, I'm limited by the 7 Rules in terms of what -- 8 MR. THOMPSON: But you're not if I ask. 9 MS. PERALES: So, you know, I think it's 10 vague. The witness answered, so objection, form, vague. 11 MR. THOMPSON: Okay. 12 MS. PERALES: I think it's probably also 13 outside the scope of the witness' knowledge. 14 Q. (BY MR. THOMPSON) Are you familiar with the 15 cure process established by SB 1? 16 A. Yes. 17 Q. Are you implementing the cure process in 18 Dallas County? 19 A. The Ballot Board is implementing the cure 20 process. 21 Q. Do you know how the Ballot Board is 22 implementing the cure process? 23 A. Yes. 24 Q. Can you tell me about it, just at a high 25 level?	Page 59	1 the State's mail ballot tracking application, and be 2 able to cure through that. That -- though, that has 3 been highly problematic, especially in counties what -- 4 what are called offline counties. 5 Q. There are other options for curing as well? 6 A. Yes. 7 Q. Do those involve, for example, a voter coming 8 to the Dallas County Elections Office? 9 A. Yes. 10 Q. Have any voters come to the Dallas County 11 Elections Office as part of the cure process? 12 A. Yes. 13 Q. Do you know whether they were able to 14 successfully cure issues with applications to vote by 15 mail? 16 A. Yes. 17 Q. Did they successfully cure those issues? 18 A. Yeah. And I don't have those numbers. 19 Q. Do you have any high-level understanding of 20 how often they were successful? 21 A. No. 22 Q. All right. So we were just talking about the 23 application to vote by mail, and the cure process 24 related to that. 25 There is also a cure process related to	Page 61

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11 JONATHAN WHITE

12 Designated Representative for the Office of the Texas  
13 Attorney General

14 MAY 5, 2022

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16 ORAL DEPOSITION OF JONATHAN WHITE, produced as a  
17 witness at the instance of the DEFENDANTS, and duly  
18 sworn, was taken in the above-styled and numbered cause  
19 on May 5, 2022, from 10:02 a.m. to 4:06 p.m. before Miah  
20 Parson, CSR in and for the State of Texas, reported by  
21 oral stenography, at the Offices of the Attorney General  
22 300 W. 15th Street Austin, Texas 78701, pursuant to the  
23 Federal Rules of Civil Procedure and the provisions  
24 stated on the record or attached hereto.

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<p>1 and incomplete hypothetical.</p> <p>2 A. I don't have a position on that very specific</p> <p>3 scenario to share. I can say that we not entered into</p> <p>4 one of those agreements historically.</p> <p>5 Q. Thank you. That was my next question.</p> <p>6 A. I knew it was.</p> <p>7 Q. So if we could turn back to Exhibit No. 5</p> <p>8 which was Chapter 273 of the election code. I'd like to</p> <p>9 go to 273.022 which is also on Page 2 and I'll just read</p> <p>10 it out slowly. Title is cooperation with local</p> <p>11 prosecutor. The attorney general may direct the county</p> <p>12 or district attorney serving the county in which the</p> <p>13 offense is to be prosecuted to prosecute an offense that</p> <p>14 the attorney general is authorized to prosecute under</p> <p>15 Section 273.021 or to assist the attorney general in the</p> <p>16 prosecution. Did I read that correctly?</p> <p>17 A. Yes, sir.</p> <p>18 Q. Has the OAG ever used this authority to direct</p> <p>19 a county prosecutor to prosecute an offense without the</p> <p>20 OAG's involvement?</p> <p>21 A. Not to my recollection.</p> <p>22 Q. Has the OAG ever used this authority to direct</p> <p>23 a county prosecutor to assist the OAG in a prosecution?</p> <p>24 A. I think my answer would be the same as it was</p> <p>25 to your similar question under Section 273.002 to the</p>	<p>Page 90</p> <p>1 privilege, similar processes privilege, to the extent</p> <p>2 you can respond without encroaching on those privileges,</p> <p>3 you may do. Otherwise I'm instructing you not to</p> <p>4 answer.</p> <p>5 A. I know way of knowing if the attorney general</p> <p>6 would ever use it. We have never used it in the past</p> <p>7 and as I previously testified here and before the</p> <p>8 legislature is we always used a soft touch and a</p> <p>9 cooperative approach with local prosecutors. We'd never</p> <p>10 desired to step on a local prosecutor's toes or tried to</p> <p>11 force them to do anything or be involved in anything</p> <p>12 that they didn't want to be.</p> <p>13 Q. Okay. Thank you. So handing you what I've</p> <p>14 marked as Exhibit 8, which is a copy of SB1 enrolled.</p> <p>15 Just confirm that for me.</p> <p>16 (Exhibit No. 8 marked.)</p> <p>17 A. Yes, sir.</p> <p>18 MR. HUDSON: In the interest of short</p> <p>19 circuiting out objections on the document itself as he's</p> <p>20 asking questions. Can you verify where you got it from</p> <p>21 and the reason I ask that is, is there's an actual</p> <p>22 signed copy on the Secretary of States website. I don't</p> <p>23 know if this is the final enrolled copy or not. Is</p> <p>24 there any chance I can get you to clarify that?</p> <p>25 Q. (BY MR. DOLLING) I cannot remember exactly what</p>
<p>Page 91</p> <p>1 extent that we've ever done this we have never directed</p> <p>2 a district attorney to prosecute or assist. It's</p> <p>3 possible that we may have mentioned this provision and</p> <p>4 now refreshing my recollection that there are separate</p> <p>5 provisions for investigations and prosecution, I'm not</p> <p>6 sure which is which, but if we ever used it would have</p> <p>7 been the same circumstances I described before as it</p> <p>8 would have been a soft touch. It would have been a</p> <p>9 request that we would not have pushed without agreement</p> <p>10 of the district attorney. And at most it would have</p> <p>11 been a reference to a code section, but never a</p> <p>12 mandatory directive.</p> <p>13 Q. Okay. And so I guess that means that the OAG</p> <p>14 has never utilized this provision against a county</p> <p>15 prosecutor's wishes?</p> <p>16 A. Exactly. Not -- not used it per se, but it</p> <p>17 could have been referenced with regards to a request.</p> <p>18 Q. Okay.</p> <p>19 A. It was not, you know, a directive or mandatory</p> <p>20 in nature.</p> <p>21 Q. Would the OAG ever use this authority if a</p> <p>22 county prosecutor did not want to prosecute or assist</p> <p>23 with the -- in the -- the prosecution?</p> <p>24 MR. HUDSON: Object as to attorney/client</p> <p>25 privilege, work product doctrine, investigative</p>	<p>Page 93</p> <p>1 the website is called, but it's the legislative look up</p> <p>2 that's provided by the state on the capital website or</p> <p>3 whatever it is.</p> <p>4 MR. HUDSON: Thank you.</p> <p>5 Q. (BY MR. DOLLING) So, Mr. White, do you</p> <p>6 understand that when text is struck through it means</p> <p>7 that SB1 removed that text from the law?</p> <p>8 A. Yes, sir.</p> <p>9 Q. And when text is underlined it means that the</p> <p>10 text was added by --</p> <p>11 A. Yes.</p> <p>12 Q. Okay. And then if we turn to Page 75</p> <p>13 Section 10 -- oh sorry. Wait for you to get there.</p> <p>14 A. Yes, sir.</p> <p>15 Q. It says, Section 10.04 says, this act takes</p> <p>16 effect on the 91st day after the last day of the</p> <p>17 legislative session; is that correct?</p> <p>18 A. Yes, sir.</p> <p>19 Q. And would you agree with me that that means</p> <p>20 that SB1 took effect on December 2nd, 2021?</p> <p>21 A. Sounds correct.</p> <p>22 Q. And so when I refer to the effective date of</p> <p>23 SB1, I'm referring to December 2nd, 2021?</p> <p>24 A. Yes, sir.</p> <p>25 Q. So can we turn to Section 2.04 which is I think</p>

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<p>1 receive specific to their work on violation of election      2 laws of Texas?</p> <p>3 A. I generally provide training to my group on the      4 election laws. I'm not aware of any source such as      5 TDCAA, any source that provides election specific      6 training to prosecutors.</p> <p>7 Q. And those trainings that you provide to the      8 investigators within Election Integrity Unit do you      9 sometimes use power points?</p> <p>10 A. I don't. They're generally one on one.</p> <p>11 Q. Are there any written materials that are      12 provided as training materials to those investigators?</p> <p>13 A. No, I don't believe.</p> <p>14 Q. You testified that the Election Integrity      15 Division was stood up as an independent division because      16 the Election Integrity issues are so complex or at least      17 that's one of the reasons; is that correct?</p> <p>18 A. It's a specialized field.</p> <p>19 Q. Would you recall whether you had described it as      20 complex before?</p> <p>21 A. They are complex cases.</p> <p>22 Q. And I think you then -- explaining the term      23 complex to Mr. Dolling said that voting takes place in a      24 block box. Do you recall that?</p> <p>25 A. I do recall that.</p>	<p>1 A. Certainly.</p> <p>2 Q. And you testified a lot election security is on      3 the honor system. Do you call testifying to that?</p> <p>4 A. Yes, ma'am.</p> <p>5 Q. What do you mean by that?</p> <p>6 A. If I check the box that's on a voter      7 registration application and affirm and swear that I'm      8 eligible to vote the system essentially in the past has      9 taken people at their word and register them to vote      10 vote and let them vote when they come to the pole and      11 let's the check in. So voting in that sense in terms of      12 eligibility has been primarily on the honor system.</p> <p>13 Q. And there are other kinds of government      14 benefit's or processes that operate on the honor system      15 as well, correct?</p> <p>16 MR. HUDSON: Objection; form. Foundation.</p> <p>17 A. I sort of stay in my lane of Election Integrity      18 you may be right.</p> <p>19 Q. (BY MS. OLSON) So you simply don't know if      20 there are other torts, for example, Social Security      21 applications that might operate on the honor system.</p> <p>22 MR. HUDSON: Objection; form. Foundation      23 Objection. Outside of the scope.</p> <p>24 A. I think what you're saying may be true. I      25 don't have enough experience with the system to know</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Page 143</p> <p>1 Q. What do you mean by voting takes place in a      2 black box?</p> <p>3 A. Well, what I testified in terms of the secrecy      4 of the ballot provides a certain shroud around the      5 voting process that's protected. We generally don't      6 have or didn't used to have cameras in the polling place      7 particularly with the mail balloting process. Mail      8 ballots operate in an uncontrolled environment.      9 Someone's home, there's no election officials around.      10 So there -- there's quite a bit of the process that is      11 not really outfitted with a whole lot of security      12 features at least historically speaking.</p> <p>13 Q. That's not any different from some other kind      14 of fraud, correct?</p> <p>15 A. I think it might be.</p> <p>16 Q. Well, for example, if you had a caregiver who's      17 taking care of another person some reason and has their      18 power of attorney that person would have the ability to      19 embezzle funds or take funds with really hardly any      20 oversight, correct.</p> <p>21 A. Correct. Particularly if that person had      22 dementia or something like that that might be very      23 similar to what we see.</p> <p>24 Q. So there's other similar kinds of investment      25 challenges and other kind of criminal activity, correct?</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Page 145</p> <p>1 where the gaps are and how easy they are to fit through.</p> <p>2 Q. (BY MS. OLSON) And so it may be that the      3 election security being on the honor system is no      4 different than in a lot oh other circumstances where      5 conduct is on the honor system?</p> <p>6 MR. HUDSON: Same objections.</p> <p>7 A. It sounds like -- it sounds like the examples      8 that your giving may be similar examples that may be      9 investigated and prosecuted federally, but maybe not on      10 a state level on some of those.</p> <p>11 Q. (BY MS. OLSON) Have you ever prosecuted any      12 benefit fraud cases on the state level?</p> <p>13 A. I haven't.</p> <p>14 Q. And so it might be the same on the state level      15 someone filled out a form indicating that they're      16 eligible for some sort of state benefit that also might      17 be done on the honor system, correct?</p> <p>18 MR. HUDSON: Same objections.</p> <p>19 A. I haven't heard of state prosecutions for      20 benefits fraud.</p> <p>21 Q. (BY MS. OLSON) So you just don't have any      22 knowledge one way or the other whether that would be an      23 appropriate example or appropriately similar to being      24 something that's on the honor system similar to election      25 security?</p>

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<p style="text-align: right;">Page 146</p> <p>1 A. Correct I haven't really seen those cases in 2 14 years.</p> <p>3 Q. You indicated that there were also complexities 4 in the prosecution of election law cases; is that 5 correct?</p> <p>6 A. Yes, ma'am.</p> <p>7 Q. And I think you talked about how there were 8 often times in a matter that was investigated there 9 could be hundred of ballots affected, for example, 10 correct?</p> <p>11 A. Yes.</p> <p>12 Q. And that the conviction stage you typically 13 didn't hold that number because you couldn't get every 14 witness every voter and they may not be able to identify 15 the person who came and got the ballot from them is that 16 a fair summary of what you testified to before?</p> <p>17 A. I think so more or less.</p> <p>18 Q. And some of your cases have been resolved by a 19 plea agreement; is that correct?</p> <p>20 A. Yes, ma'am.</p> <p>21 Q. And that doesn't require any witness to take 22 the stand?</p> <p>23 A. That's correct.</p> <p>24 Q. And what has been the largest number of 25 harvested ballots in a case of conviction whether by</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">Page 148</p> <p>1 credible allegations of a violation of the election 2 code. Do you recall that question?</p> <p>3 A. Yes, I believe I do.</p> <p>4 Q. And I think your answer was yes that the policy 5 of the office of the attorney general to investigate all 6 credible allegations; is that right?</p> <p>7 MR. HUDSON: Objection; form. Foundation 8 objection. Remind you the stipulation concerning his 9 presentation on responding to that tweet.</p> <p>10 MS. OLSON: Well, with respect to your 11 objection, Mr. Hudson, Mr. Dollings question that I 12 repeated back was asked in a much earlier portion of the 13 deposition.</p> <p>14 Q. So do you recall that prior to being asked 15 about the tweet, do you recall Mr. Dollig's question, is 16 it fair to say that the office of the Attorney General 17 has a policy of investigating all credible allegations 18 of a violation of the election code?</p> <p>19 A. I do remember that question.</p> <p>20 Q. And do you recall what your answer was?</p> <p>21 A. I think I do.</p> <p>22 Q. And what was your answer?</p> <p>23 A. I think I answered that, I was not prepared to 24 make a policy statement by the Attorney General's office 25 on that specific language, but that our practice in the</p>
<p style="text-align: right;">Page 147</p> <p>1 trial or by plea?</p> <p>2 A. And do you mean.</p> <p>3 Q. For a single Defendant what is the -- based on 4 your knowledge of these cases, what is the highest 5 number of ballots that someone has plead guilty to or 6 been convicted of harvesting?</p> <p>7 A. I don't know that off the top of my head, but 8 it would probably be a small number.</p> <p>9 Q. Even if it were a conviction by way of a plea 10 agreement?</p> <p>11 A. Correct. Normally. Normally that's how plea 12 agreements work.</p> <p>13 Q. Is it fair to say when you say normally that's 14 how plea agreements work, what do you mean?</p> <p>15 A. One of the primary negotiation terms in a plea 16 would be to get the number of counts down to one that's 17 what a defense attorney would be looking to get the 18 number of offenses the Defendant is pleading guilty to 19 to down to one. And usually a lower level of offense.</p> <p>20 Q. But then that's all they're convicted of, 21 correct?</p> <p>22 A. That's correct.</p> <p>23 Q. I think, Mr. Dolling asked you the question, 24 his question was, is it fair to say that the office of 25 the attorney general has a policy of investigating all</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">Page 149</p> <p>1 Election Integrity Division is to or Election Integrity 2 Unit evaluates every credible complaint, then determines 3 whether to proceed with an investigation and that we do 4 not blanket, exclude any specific type of case we don't 5 have a standing policy that we actually filter out 6 cases.</p> <p>7 Q. And I think the term credible allegations was 8 actually Mr. Dolling's term, but is there a phrase where 9 a standard practice is used by the Election Integrity 10 unit to assess whether something is a credible allegation?</p> <p>11 MR. HUDSON: Objection; form.</p> <p>12 Argumentative.</p> <p>13 A. I don't believe there's a defined standard for 14 what credible is.</p> <p>15 Q. (BY MS. OLSON) And, for example, I'll tell you 16 that in some prosecutors offices or some investigating 17 officers the standard is if the facts as alleged would 18 make out a violation of the statute they will initiate 19 an investigation. So is there anything like that a 20 standard that is used when reviewing and complaint a 21 standard that is used by the Election Integrity Unit to 22 determine whether or not it's going to move forward on 23 investigation?</p> <p>24 A. Not as such that's a very baseline standard. 25 We would have that standard in place because if a</p>

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**APPENDIX BB**

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**APPENDIX W**

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
WESTERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS  
SAN ANTONIO DIVISION

LA UNIÓN DEL PUEBLO ENTERO, \*  
et al., \*  
Plaintiffs, \*  
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v. \* Civil Action No.  
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ORAL AND VIDEOTAPED 30(b)(6) DEPOSITION OF  
THE DALLAS COUNTY ELECTIONS ADMINISTRATOR  
THROUGH ITS DESIGNATED REPRESENTATIVE,  
MICHAEL SCARPELLO  
APRIL 13, 2023

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DEPOSITION of MICHAEL SCARPELLO,  
produced as a witness at the instance of the  
Plaintiffs, and duly sworn, was taken in the  
above-styled and numbered cause on the 13th day of  
April, 2023, from 10:20 a.m. to 2:25 p.m., before  
Christy R. Sievert, CSR, RPR, in and for the State  
of Texas, reported by machine shorthand, at the  
offices of the Dallas County Records Building, 500  
Elm Street, Dallas, Texas, pursuant to the Federal  
Rules of Civil Procedure and the provisions stated  
on the record or attached hereto.

	<p>1 2022 general election, correct?</p> <p>2 A. Correct.</p> <p>3 Q. Did you use the same polling places for</p> <p>4 early voting that you did for election day?</p> <p>5 A. We used a certain amount of polling places</p> <p>6 for early voting and then additional -- then used</p> <p>7 those also plus additional ones for election day. I</p> <p>8 think it was 50 early voting places and 469 election</p> <p>9 day.</p> <p>10 Q. And on election day, were you polling</p> <p>11 places vote centers?</p> <p>12 A. Yes.</p> <p>13 Q. And for early voting, were your 50 polling</p> <p>14 places, 50ish, were they vote centers as well?</p> <p>15 A. Yes.</p> <p>16 Q. And it's correct to say that you used vote</p> <p>17 by mail for certain voters for the 2022 general</p> <p>18 election, correct?</p> <p>19 A. Yes.</p> <p>20 Q. Do you know approximately what percent of</p> <p>21 ballots were cast by mail in the 2022 general</p> <p>22 election?</p> <p>23 A. I do not. I don't recall.</p> <p>24 Q. Did you send applications for ballot by</p> <p>25 mail for the 2022 general to any voters who had not</p>
	<p>1 I think an 8.5 by 11 or -- 8.5 by 14-inch insert</p> <p>2 with verbiage from top to bottom, as well as the</p> <p>3 vote by mail envelope being chock-full of verbiage</p> <p>4 also. And it's been my experience that when you do</p> <p>5 that -- when you have that sort of thing, no one</p> <p>6 reads anything, and, thus, the compliance with those</p> <p>7 rules is -- is not good.</p> <p>8 And so what we did is we summarized on</p> <p>9 a -- we put on a pink sheet step-by-step</p> <p>10 instructions to help voters understand what the</p> <p>11 requirements were. And using kind of the best</p> <p>12 practices, plain language, getting it down to a, you</p> <p>13 know, fifth, sixth grade level so that people can</p> <p>14 understand what they need to do to return that mail</p> <p>15 ballot.</p> <p>16 Q. And so did you have a name for that insert?</p> <p>17 What did you call that insert?</p> <p>18 A. Abbreviated instructions.</p> <p>19 Q. Who created the abbreviated instructions?</p> <p>20 A. I did.</p> <p>21 Q. And did you work with other members of your</p> <p>22 staff --</p> <p>23 A. Yes.</p> <p>24 Q. -- in consultation?</p> <p>25 A. Yes.</p>

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<p>1 A. Yes.</p> <p>2 Q. And do you recall saying that the turnout</p> <p>3 rate for mail voting as compared to overall voting</p> <p>4 was down in November 2022?</p> <p>5 A. That's my -- my vague memory of it is yes.</p> <p>6 Q. Okay. What did you mean by "previous</p> <p>7 elections"? What was your comparison?</p> <p>8 A. Well, prior to going into an election, I</p> <p>9 talked about how we project and we do our</p> <p>10 projections. So we look at similar type of</p> <p>11 elections over the last several years. And not only</p> <p>12 the overall turnout but turnout by type and then</p> <p>13 turnout by location. My general impression is that</p> <p>14 vote by mail, we -- the projections weren't -- the</p> <p>15 actual numbers weren't as high as we projected based</p> <p>16 off of historic turnout.</p> <p>17 Q. Do you know if these voters would have</p> <p>18 voted in person?</p> <p>19 A. Don't know.</p> <p>20 Q. And when you said you were looking at the</p> <p>21 past elections in your analysis for projection, was</p> <p>22 that looking at midterm elections, or did that also</p> <p>23 include looking at presidential?</p> <p>24 A. We look at all elections but focus on the</p> <p>25 similar type of election. But I will say that</p>		<p>1 rejection rate compared to the primary elections,</p> <p>2 correct?</p> <p>3 A. Correct.</p> <p>4 Q. And it was able to reduce its rejection</p> <p>5 rates as compared to the primary runoff and the May</p> <p>6 election, correct?</p> <p>7 A. Correct.</p> <p>8 Q. And you -- Dallas County will be continuing</p> <p>9 to work to reduce the number of rejection rates in</p> <p>10 elections going forward, correct?</p> <p>11 A. Correct.</p> <p>12 Q. You still have rejections due to lack of</p> <p>13 signature, mismatched signature or statement of</p> <p>14 residence; is that correct?</p> <p>15 A. Yes.</p> <p>16 Q. Will you be working to decrease those</p> <p>17 rejections as well?</p> <p>18 A. Yes.</p> <p>19 Q. Do you know what the cure process was</p> <p>20 perSB1?</p> <p>21 A. I'm vaguely familiar with it.</p> <p>22 Q. Do you expect the rejection rate to ever be</p> <p>23 zero?</p> <p>24 A. Rejection rate for applications or carrier</p> <p>25 envelopes?</p>	
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<p>1 there's -- there's no so many factors that play into</p> <p>2 turnout, that it's -- it's an art as much as it is a</p> <p>3 science.</p> <p>4 Q. So I guess I'm just trying to understand</p> <p>5 your -- your answer. Is it that the rate was not as</p> <p>6 high as you projected, or is it down compared to</p> <p>7 previous elections?</p> <p>8 A. I don't know that it's down compared to</p> <p>9 previous elections. I can very easily pull up that</p> <p>10 information. I just don't recall. My general</p> <p>11 impression was that it was down.</p> <p>12 Q. Do you recall telling counsel you thought</p> <p>13 the rejection rate was too high?</p> <p>14 A. Yes.</p> <p>15 Q. So I kind of want to understand what your</p> <p>16 baseline is. So in your mind, what should the</p> <p>17 rejection be?</p> <p>18 A. It should be zero.</p> <p>19 Q. Would you then consider a 1 percent</p> <p>20 rejection rate to be too high?</p> <p>21 A. I think any rejection rate is too high.</p> <p>22 Q. Are you aware of any election that had a</p> <p>23 zero percent rejection rate?</p> <p>24 A. No.</p> <p>25 Q. Dallas County was able to reduce its</p>		<p>1 Q. Carrier envelopes.</p> <p>2 A. No.</p> <p>3 THE STENOGRAPHER: I'm sorry, your</p> <p>4 answer?</p> <p>5 THE WITNESS: No.</p> <p>6 A. And I'll elaborate. No, under the current</p> <p>7 law.</p> <p>8 BY MS. HUNKER:</p> <p>9 Q. Do you think that the rejection rate due to</p> <p>10 lack of signature will ever be zero?</p> <p>11 A. No.</p> <p>12 Q. Do you think the rejection rate regarding</p> <p>13 mismatched signature will ever be zero?</p> <p>14 A. No.</p> <p>15 Q. And do you think that the rejection rate</p> <p>16 do -- voters not including required statement of</p> <p>17 residence will ever be zero?</p> <p>18 A. No.</p> <p>19 Q. You talked with counsel about the</p> <p>20 abbreviated insert, correct?</p> <p>21 A. Yes.</p> <p>22 Q. Did you include a type of abbreviated</p> <p>23 insert prior to SB1?</p> <p>24 MS. PERALES: Objection; asked and</p> <p>25 answered.</p>	

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**APPENDIX X**

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6                   Plaintiffs                              ) ( )  
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8    ) ( 5:21-cv-844-XR  
9    ) ( (LEAD CASE)  
10                  GREGORY W. ABBOTT, et al.           ) ( )  
11                  Defendants                              ) ( )  
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13                  OCA-GREATER HOUSTON, et al.           ) ( )  
14                  Plaintiffs                              ) ( )  
15                  VS.                                      ) ( CASE NO.  
16                  ) ( 1:21-cv-780-XR  
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18                  JANE NELSON, et al.                   ) ( )  
19                  Defendants                              ) ( )  
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21                  HOUSTON AREA URBAN LEAGUE ,        ) ( )  
22                  et al.                                    ) ( )  
23                  Plaintiffs                              ) ( )  
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27                  GREGORY WAYNE ABBOTT, et al.       ) ( )  
28                  Defendants                              ) ( )  
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34                  ) ( )  
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36                  Defendants                              ) ( )  
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<p style="text-align: right;">Page 14</p> <p>1 A. Yes, sir.</p> <p>2 Q. And did she also vote in person?</p> <p>3 A. Yes, sir.</p> <p>4 Q. In connection with the 2022 general election,</p> <p>5 did you submit an application for a mail-in ballot?</p> <p>6 A. Yes, sir.</p> <p>7 Q. And did your daughter Taylor also submit an</p> <p>8 application for a mail-in ballot?</p> <p>9 A. I submitted one for her.</p> <p>10 Q. And did you provide on your application for a</p> <p>11 mail-in ballot an identification number of some kind?</p> <p>12 A. Yes, sir.</p> <p>13 Q. What type of identification number did you</p> <p>14 submit with your application for a ballot by mail in</p> <p>15 the 2022 general election?</p> <p>16 A. I believe I submitted my passport number.</p> <p>17 Q. Did you submit only one number, or did you</p> <p>18 submit multiple numbers?</p> <p>19 A. I think it was just the one number on the</p> <p>20 passport.</p> <p>21 Q. Was that a United States passport that was</p> <p>22 still active --</p> <p>23 A. Yes.</p> <p>24 Q. -- not expired?</p> <p>25 A. Yes, sir.</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">Page 16</p> <p>1 Q. Approximately when did you do that?</p> <p>2 A. There again, I really don't remember the date.</p> <p>3 I'm sorry. I just --</p> <p>4 Q. Okay. And sometime after you submitted your</p> <p>5 mail-in ballot in connection with the 2022 general</p> <p>6 election, did you receive some type of communication or</p> <p>7 return of that ballot prior to the general election?</p> <p>8 A. I -- I received the ballot back before the</p> <p>9 election, yes.</p> <p>10 Q. Okay. When you received your mail-in ballot</p> <p>11 back, do you know if you received it from the Hidalgo</p> <p>12 County Election Office or from the U.S. Postal Service</p> <p>13 or from whom?</p> <p>14 A. It was the election office, because it was</p> <p>15 stamped.</p> <p>16 Q. And what did the stamp say on it?</p> <p>17 A. It just said "return" -- I don't even remember</p> <p>18 what it said, but there was a stamp on it, and it said</p> <p>19 return for more information or something. I don't</p> <p>20 really recall, but it was stamped by the Hidalgo County</p> <p>21 Election Office.</p> <p>22 Q. I take it from that answer that you don't</p> <p>23 recall what specific information the Hidalgo County</p> <p>24 Election Office indicated you needed to provide in</p> <p>25 order to -- or to have a mail-in ballot that they would</p>
<p style="text-align: right;">Page 15</p> <p>1 Q. And approximately when did you submit that</p> <p>2 application for a mail-in ballot in connection with the</p> <p>3 2022 general election?</p> <p>4 A. I'm sorry. I really don't remember. It was</p> <p>5 during early -- it was before early voting, I believe.</p> <p>6 And I'm sorry. I don't really remember the date.</p> <p>7 Q. After you submitted that application for a</p> <p>8 mail-in ballot, did you receive a mail-in ballot?</p> <p>9 A. I did, yes.</p> <p>10 Q. Approximately, when did you receive that</p> <p>11 mail-in ballot for the 2022 general election?</p> <p>12 A. I'm sorry. I don't remember.</p> <p>13 Q. I believe you said that you filled in your</p> <p>14 mail-in ballot once you had received it; is that</p> <p>15 correct?</p> <p>16 A. That is correct.</p> <p>17 Q. And did you submit an identification number or</p> <p>18 numbers of some kind on that mail-in ballot?</p> <p>19 A. Yes, sir.</p> <p>20 Q. What identification number or numbers did you</p> <p>21 submit?</p> <p>22 A. My United States passport number.</p> <p>23 Q. And did you mail in that mail-in ballot to the</p> <p>24 proper address in Hidalgo County?</p> <p>25 A. Yes, sir.</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">Page 17</p> <p>1 accept?</p> <p>2 A. That is correct.</p> <p>3 Q. Did you attempt to get any help from anyone to</p> <p>4 try to determine what you needed to do to provide</p> <p>5 information requested by the Hidalgo County Election</p> <p>6 Office so your mail-in ballot would be accepted?</p> <p>7 A. No, I did not contact anyone.</p> <p>8 Q. Why did you not contact anyone to get some</p> <p>9 assistance in that matter?</p> <p>10 A. Well, I was going to have to transport Taylor</p> <p>11 over to -- because she did not get a ballot, so I</p> <p>12 figured, well, if I have to transport Taylor over</p> <p>13 there, I might as well take my ballot in hand and do it</p> <p>14 there in Mercedes at the polls.</p> <p>15 Q. At any time prior to completing the mail-in</p> <p>16 ballot for the 2022 general election, did you do</p> <p>17 anything to get information about what types of</p> <p>18 identification numbers were required or acceptable?</p> <p>19 A. No. I figured a U.S. passport would be fine.</p> <p>20 I didn't use my driver's license because my name is</p> <p>21 misspelled, and so it's not my correct name. So</p> <p>22 that -- I use that as a form of identification wherever</p> <p>23 I go, and it seems to work.</p> <p>24 Q. In 2022, did you have a valid Texas driver's</p> <p>25 license?</p>

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<p>1 A. Yes, I do.</p> <p>2 Q. In 2022, did you have a Social Security number?</p> <p>3 A. Yes, sir.</p> <p>4 Q. Did you consider submitting the last four digits of your Social Security number on the application for mail-in ballot or on the mail-in ballot as an identification number?</p> <p>5 A. I believe I did also, but I can't remember if -- if I did or not, but I -- if it -- if they asked for it, I'm sure I did.</p> <p>6 Q. Did you look at anything either online or any materials in paper form to determine whether or not a passport number was an acceptable form of identification for voting in Texas?</p> <p>7 A. I assume a passport would -- a valid passport would be just about the best identification you could have.</p> <p>8 Q. My question was whether you did anything to --</p> <p>9 A. No.</p> <p>10 Q. -- determine that rather than just assume.</p> <p>11 A. No.</p> <p>12 Q. When -- strike that.</p> <p>13 When did your daughter first register to vote?</p> <p>14 A. Before the 2020 election, but I can't remember</p>	<p>Page 18</p> <p>1 Q. In 2022, did you or Taylor take any steps to attempt to renew her Texas state ID card?</p> <p>2 A. No, sir.</p> <p>3 Q. What was the reason for not taking any steps like that in 2022?</p> <p>4 A. I guess just being lazy.</p> <p>5 Q. And have you or Taylor taken any steps in 2023 so far to attempt to renew her Texas state ID card?</p> <p>6 A. No, we have not.</p> <p>7 Q. Is there any reason for that?</p> <p>8 A. Taylor still does not go out in the public, normally. She does go to day care. Everyone wears a mask. Most people at day care are medically fragile.</p> <p>9 They're tested once a week for COVID. So it's kind of a closed situation.</p> <p>10 So Taylor goes to day care and comes home, and that's pretty much it for her. Like a lot of medically fragile people, we have to be very careful.</p> <p>11 She is up-to-date on her COVID shots and everything, but we still worry about her because of her medical condition.</p> <p>12 Q. Does your daughter Taylor have a Social Security number?</p> <p>13 A. Yes, she does.</p> <p>14 Q. How long has she had a Social Security number,</p>
<p>1 the exact date.</p> <p>2 Q. In 2022, did your daughter have a Texas driver's license?</p> <p>3 A. She had an expired Texas ID.</p> <p>4 Q. Okay. So she did not have a driver's license, but she had a state ID card?</p> <p>5 A. Yes, sir.</p> <p>6 Q. And how long had she had a Texas state ID card?</p> <p>7 A. I'm going to say since she was 20 years old.</p> <p>8 It went through two cycles of renewal, because I did it online once, so...</p> <p>9 Q. And when did the state ID card expire in the year or two prior to the general election in 2022?</p> <p>10 A. It expired Taylor's birthday 10-25-2020.</p> <p>11 Q. Did you or Taylor take any steps to try to renew her state ID card in 2019, 2020, or 2021?</p> <p>12 A. No.</p> <p>13 Q. Is there a reason why neither of you took any steps to renew her Texas state ID card during those years?</p> <p>14 A. Taylor is medically fragile, and this was during COVID, and Taylor didn't even leave the house for quite -- quite a while. So I already had renewed it over -- online previously, so I couldn't do it again. So that's the story on that.</p>	<p>Page 19</p> <p>1 roughly?</p> <p>2 A. Probably since she was born.</p> <p>3 Q. By the way, I forgot to say, but I want to say any time you want to take a break, feel free to call a break. If you have to take care of the dog or anything else, please feel free.</p> <p>4 A. I'm fine.</p> <p>5 Q. Okay. So what caused Taylor to have an interest for the first time in voting in 2022, if that's the first time she expressed that interest?</p> <p>6 MS. SNEAD: Objection, form.</p> <p>7 THE WITNESS: I can still answer the question?</p> <p>8 MS. SNEAD: Yes.</p> <p>9 A. I think -- I think just -- just listening to the news, and she just decided, "Hey, it's my right. I would like to vote, Mom," you know. There was a lot of people trying to get out to vote.</p> <p>10 Q. I may have made an error in my question. Did she first vote in 2020?</p> <p>11 A. Yes.</p> <p>12 Q. Okay.</p> <p>13 A. That is correct.</p> <p>14 Q. I asked you about 2022 --</p> <p>15 A. Oh, okay. Okay.</p>

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9    ) ( (LEAD CASE)  
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15                  VS.                                      ) ( CASE NO.  
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18                  JANE NELSON, et al.                   ) ( )  
19                  Defendants                              ) ( )  
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21                  HOUSTON AREA URBAN LEAGUE ,        ) ( )  
22                  et al.                                    ) ( )  
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27                  GREGORY WAYNE ABBOTT, et al.       ) ( )  
28                  Defendants                              ) ( )  
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1	APPEARANCES		1	THE VIDEOGRAPHER: Today is April 18,	
2	COUNSEL FOR STATE DEFENDANTS:		2	2023. It is 11:33 a.m. We're on the record.	
3	DAVID BRYANT		3	TAYLOR SCOTT,	
4	OFFICE OF THE TEXAS ATTORNEY GENERAL		4	having been duly sworn, testified as follows:	
	P.O. Box 12548		5	EXAMINATION	
5	Austin, Texas, 78711-2548		6	BY MR. BRYANT:	
6	COUNSEL FOR DEFENDANT HIDALGO COUNTY ELECTIONS		7	Q. Ms. Scott, my name is David Bryant. I am with	
7	ADMINISTRATOR:		8	the Texas Attorney General's Office, and appreciate you	
8	LEIGH ANN TOGNETTI		9	being here for the deposition today.	
9	HIDALGO COUNTY DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S OFFICE		10	I want to allow the other attorneys to	
10	100 East Cano Street		11	state their appearances so everyone will know who's	
11	Edinburg, Texas 78539		12	participating in the deposition.	
12	COUNSEL FOR INTERVENOR DEFENDANTS:		13	MS. SNEAD: This is Lisa Snead from	
13	STEPHEN KENNY, via Zoom		14	Disability Rights Texas representing the OCA Plaintiffs	
14	JONES DAY		15	and defending Ms. Scott's deposition.	
15	51 Louisiana Avenue, NW		16	MS. TOGNETTI: Leigh Ann Tognetti from the	
16	Washington, DC 20001		17	Hidalgo County District Attorney's Office representing	
17	COUNSEL FOR PLAINTIFFS OCA-GREATER HOUSTON, et al.:		18	the Hidalgo County Elections Administrator.	
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19	DISABILITY RIGHTS TEXAS		20	on Zoom who want to state an appearance?	
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21	Austin, Texas, 78758-1024		22	none. And we'll begin the deposition at this time.	
22	LUCIA ROMANO, via Zoom		23	Q. (By Mr. Bryant) Ms. Scott, I'm going to be	
23	DISABILITY RIGHTS TEXAS		24	asking you a series of questions. You're under oath	
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<p>1 in front of a judge.</p> <p>2 And so you -- you have an obligation to be</p> <p>3 as truthful as you can. Do you understand that</p> <p>4 obligation?</p> <p>5 A. Yes.</p> <p>6 Q. Have you ever testified in a deposition or</p> <p>7 otherwise --</p> <p>8 A. No.</p> <p>9 Q. -- before today?</p> <p>10 A. No, sir.</p> <p>11 Q. Okay. One of the things that we have to</p> <p>12 remember in these depositions is that all that really</p> <p>13 matters is what the court reporter writes down, so if</p> <p>14 you and I were just having a conversation, a lot of</p> <p>15 times you would know what I'm asking before I finish my</p> <p>16 question and you might answer it, but if you can wait</p> <p>17 until my question is finished before you answer it --</p> <p>18 A. Okay.</p> <p>19 Q. -- that will help, and also, I will try not to</p> <p>20 interrupt you when you are giving an answer --</p> <p>21 A. Okay.</p> <p>22 Q. -- so your answer will get fully on the page.</p> <p>23 A. Okay.</p> <p>24 Q. Any time that you need to take a break --</p> <p>25 A. Okay.</p>	<p>1 A. Yes. I had to go over to the driver's license</p> <p>2 place.</p> <p>3 Q. About how old were you when you did that?</p> <p>4 A. I can't remember.</p> <p>5 Q. And do you still have a Texas state ID card?</p> <p>6 A. Yes.</p> <p>7 Q. Is it now expired?</p> <p>8 A. Yes, sir.</p> <p>9 Q. Approximately, when did your Texas state ID</p> <p>10 card expire?</p> <p>11 A. I can't remember, sir.</p> <p>12 Q. Have you ever voted in an election?</p> <p>13 A. Yes.</p> <p>14 Q. How many times have you voted in an election?</p> <p>15 A. Once by mail.</p> <p>16 Q. And do you know what year it was when you voted</p> <p>17 by mail in an election?</p> <p>18 A. No, sir.</p> <p>19 Q. What do you recall about the instance in which</p> <p>20 you voted by mail in an election?</p> <p>21 A. We got our ballots. We signed them and sent</p> <p>22 them back.</p> <p>23 Q. And do you know what year that was?</p> <p>24 A. I don't remember.</p> <p>25 Q. Have you ever voted in person in a Texas</p>
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<p>1 Q. -- please feel free to just say, "I need a</p> <p>2 break."</p> <p>3 A. Yeah.</p> <p>4 Q. And you'll get one.</p> <p>5 A. Okay.</p> <p>6 Q. And also, if you have any difficulty</p> <p>7 understanding anything that is going on, I want you to</p> <p>8 feel free to --</p> <p>9 A. Okay.</p> <p>10 Q. -- consult your attorney, and your mother is</p> <p>11 present here, and I'm fine with that on behalf of</p> <p>12 the --</p> <p>13 A. Okay.</p> <p>14 Q. -- Attorney General and the State Defendants in</p> <p>15 this case.</p> <p>16 A. Okay.</p> <p>17 Q. Okay. What was your date of birth?</p> <p>18 A. 10-30-87.</p> <p>19 Q. And are we currently in your home in Mercedes,</p> <p>20 Texas?</p> <p>21 A. Yes, sir.</p> <p>22 Q. Have you lived here all your life?</p> <p>23 A. Yes, sir.</p> <p>24 Q. Do you recall when you first got a Texas state</p> <p>25 ID?</p>	<p>1 election?</p> <p>2 A. Yes.</p> <p>3 Q. How many times have you voted in person?</p> <p>4 A. Once.</p> <p>5 Q. What year was it when you voted in person in an</p> <p>6 election?</p> <p>7 A. It was this year.</p> <p>8 Q. Okay. This year is 2023. Was it the last</p> <p>9 election in November '22?</p> <p>10 A. Yes. No. It was 2023.</p> <p>11 Q. Okay. What do you recall about voting in the</p> <p>12 election in person?</p> <p>13 A. I had to go to a building and vote. I took my</p> <p>14 passport to vote. I didn't have my ID.</p> <p>15 Q. Where did you vote?</p> <p>16 A. In a building in Mercedes.</p> <p>17 Q. Was that a building you had been to before, or</p> <p>18 was it the first time you had been there?</p> <p>19 A. It was the first time I've been there.</p> <p>20 Q. And who went with you to vote on that occasion?</p> <p>21 A. My mom.</p> <p>22 Q. Did you have any trouble casting your ballot</p> <p>23 when you went to the polling place in Mercedes in that</p> <p>24 election?</p> <p>25 A. No. It was all done electronically.</p>

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<p>1 Q. Do you recall any occasion in which you      2 attempted to vote by mail but couldn't do so?      3 A. Yes.      4 Q. When did that occur?      5 A. In this year's election.      6 Q. Was that in 2022 or 2023?      7 A. 2023.      8 Q. And what do you recall about the attempt that      9 you made to vote by mail on that election?      10 A. I didn't get a ballot.      11 Q. Do you recall whether or not you sent in an      12 application for a mail-in ballot on that occasion?      13 A. Yes.      14 Q. Did you fill out that application yourself?      15 A. My mom did.      16 Q. Okay. Did you sign that application?      17 A. She -- she writes for me. I can't -- I can't      18 write.      19 Q. And did you read that application before it was      20 sent in?      21 A. She read it to me.      22 Q. And do you recall that the application required      23 you to provide some type of identification number?      24 A. Yes, sir.      25 Q. And what type of identification number or</p>	<p>1 A. Not very well.      2 Q. Is it -- do you think that you read?      3 A. Excuse me?      4 Q. Do you read fairly well?      5 A. Barely. I can read some words, but not many.      6 Q. Did you -- strike that.      7 Do you go online and read things?      8 A. No.      9 Q. Did you read any of the -- any material related      10 to the voting process when you applied to vote by mail?      11 A. No.      12 Q. Are you a registered voter in Texas?      13 A. Yes, sir.      14 Q. How long have you been a registered voter in      15 Texas?      16 A. I just started last year.      17 Q. Which year was that?      18 A. Last year.      19 Q. Was that 2022 or 2023?      20 A. 2023.      21 Q. Did your mother assist you in getting      22 registered as a voter?      23 A. Yes.      24 Q. Have you ever sought any assistance from anyone      25 other than your mother in connection with the voting or</p>
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<p>1 numbers, if any, did -- did your mother provide on your      2 application for a mail-in ballot?      3 A. My passport number.      4 Q. Did she provide any other numbers?      5 A. No.      6 Q. At the time that that attempt was made to get a      7 mail-in ballot, did you have a Social Security number?      8 A. Yes.      9 Q. Did you know at that time that you could      10 provide the last four digits of your Social Security      11 number on that application?      12 A. Yes, sir.      13 Q. Is there a reason why you or your mom did not      14 provide the last four digits of your Social Security      15 number on that application?      16 A. I don't know.      17 Q. Did you provide the number on your state ID      18 card, even though it was expired?      19 A. No, sir.      20 Q. Why did you not do that?      21 A. Because it was expired. I used my passport.      22 Q. When I spoke with your mother earlier, she told      23 me that you had gone to high school; is that right?      24 A. Yes.      25 Q. So do you read well?</p>	<p>1 registering to vote?      2 A. No.      3 Q. Is it fair to say that you've never had any      4 contact with anybody at the State of Texas about      5 voting?      6 A. No, sir.      7 Q. Is it correct that you have not had any      8 contact, other than when you went in person, with      9 anybody at Hidalgo County about voting?      10 A. No, sir.      11 MS. SNEAD: I'm going to object to the      12 form, because I'm not sure she understands the      13 question.      14 MR. BRYANT: Okay.      15 MS. SNEAD: If you can phrase it more      16 directly.      17 MR. BRYANT: I'll try to do that.      18 Q. Have you ever talked in person or on the phone      19 with anyone from the State of Texas about voting?      20 A. My hand -- I cannot use the phone. My hand --      21 my hands do not work, so...      22 Q. So I assume from that that you've never talked      23 with anybody on the phone --      24 A. No, no.      25 Q. Have you ever talked with anybody from the</p>

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1 identifying information, or an identifier such as a DL  
 2 or the last four of the social. That could be an  
 3 obstacle to a vote harvesting crew that wishes to bypass  
 4 the voter.

5 And then, as I already stated, it could  
 6 also be an obstacle to gaining the voter's compliance,  
 7 because here's a stranger asking for my DL number so  
 8 that they can complete these documents on my behalf or  
 9 submit this, you know, carrier envelope on my behalf, so  
 10 it -- by putting the control of the interaction more in  
 11 the voter's hands because those are -- those are numbers  
 12 that the voter has access to that the harvester is less  
 13 likely to have access to, I think it promotes security  
 14 in that fashion.

15 Q. So if I, moving forward, refer to the activity  
 16 you described of collecting as many absentee ballots and  
 17 collecting and submitting ballots by mail as illegal  
 18 vote harvesting, will you understand what I'm referring  
 19 to?

20 **A. Sure. And if for some reason that definition  
 21 needs clarifying, then I'll bring it up at that time.**

22 Q. You mentioned that SB1's mail ballot  
 23 identification requirements would be more effective in  
 24 preventing some vote harvesting more so than others.  
 25 Are there instances you can think of where SB1's mail

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1 identification document. They could just ask for it,  
 2 and if the voter was inclined to provide it or show it  
 3 to them because they had that level of trust somehow  
 4 with a stranger or -- or a harvester maybe that they've  
 5 known from previous election cycles, that's possible.

6 Q. Uh-huh.

7 Do you have any personal knowledge of the  
 8 operative underlying facts of a case that was positively  
 9 resolved, so the spreadsheet we've been working on,  
 10 where the defendant who engaged in voter -- in a vote  
 11 harvesting crime filled out the voter's ballot or  
 12 absentee ballot by mail request in the voter's presence?

13 **A. Sure. Although I would say, because this --  
 14 this isn't the most up-to-date document. Some of the  
 15 most recent cases are the ones that are immediately  
 16 popping into my mind and they're not on this document  
 17 yet, but they have been resolved.**

18 Q. They have been resolved?

19 **A. And there may be ones on here as well that I  
 20 would have to take a look at, but most of these cases  
 21 focus on the -- on the -- kind of the harvesting side of  
 22 the process rather than the seeding or the application  
 23 side of the process, from what I looked through.  
 24 Actually, you know, I was flagging the ones that were --  
 25 that were unlawful assistance interactions, and so we**

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1 ballot identification requirements would not be  
 2 effective in deterring vote harvesting?

3 **A. The primary scenario I can think of is where a  
 4 vote harvesting crew already has enough information  
 5 about the voters that they possess those identifying  
 6 numbers that have to be provided.**

7 Q. Do you believe that SB1's mail ballot  
 8 identification requirements would be effective in  
 9 preventing vote harvesting if a defendant filled out  
 10 either the voter's application or mail ballot in the  
 11 presence of that voter?

12 MR. HUDSON: Objection, form, foundation.  
 13 Objection, incomplete hypothetical.

14 **A. If I understand the question, I think that  
 15 the -- the piece that I mentioned earlier, where the  
 16 voter could be put off by a harvester requesting that  
 17 information from the voter, that could reduce the  
 18 likelihood of a successful vote harvesting transaction.  
 19 I think that would be my answer.**

20 Q. And can you think of situations where a  
 21 perpetrator might be able to obtain an ID from the  
 22 person they're seeking to harvest a ballot from?

23 MR. HUDSON: Objection, incomplete  
 24 hypothetical. Objection, foundation.

25 **A. An ID number or an actual -- actual**

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1 probably do have some application fraud situations here.  
 2 But a majority -- I would say a majority of the  
 3 application violation cases do involve completing an  
 4 application in the presence of the voter.

5 Q. The majority involve completing an application  
 6 in the presence of the voter?

7 **A. Most of it happens in the presence of the  
 8 voter. And I think the reason for that is because  
 9 eventually they have to go back to the voter for the  
 10 ballot, and so it's helpful to have that prior  
 11 interaction with the voter. It's helpful to get -- it's  
 12 easy to get an actual signature from the voter for an  
 13 application, because I'm just helping you get a mail  
 14 ballot.**

15 Q. Right.

16 **A. Now, when you go to the mail ballot, that's  
 17 where the skill comes in.**

18 Q. So in most of these vote harvesting schemes,  
 19 the harvesters are trying to build some relationship  
 20 with the people they're targeting?

21 **A. I would say they're trying to -- trying to  
 22 establish some level of trust or confidence with that --  
 23 with that voter. If they're doing it well, they are.**

24 Q. And in those instances, is it possible that  
 25 they could ask the voter for their identification number

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<p>1 or have the voter fill out their own identification 2 number?</p> <p>3 <b>A. That's right. Absolutely.</b></p> <p>4 MS. PAIKOWSKY: If it's okay, can I take a 5 five-minute break?</p> <p>6 <b>A. Sure.</b></p> <p>7 MR. HUDSON: No objection.</p> <p>8 (Lunch recess.)</p> <p>9 Q. (By Ms. Paikowsky) Mr. White, I'm going to go 10 back to asking questions about SB1's mail ballot 11 identification provisions. Without SB1's mail ballot 12 identification provisions, would your office have other 13 means of detecting vote harvesting?</p> <p>14 MR. HUDSON: Object to the extent that 15 that would encroach on investigator privilege, and 16 remind you of the stipulation concerning the running 17 objection. Just instruct the witness, to the extent 18 that that would encroach on methods of investigation or 19 practices, I'll instruct you not to answer.</p> <p>20 <b>A. Yeah. Without going into our mental impressions and our investigative practices, I guess I could say we have prosecuted vote harvesting cases in the past.</b></p> <p>21 Q. And this, again, is not seeking specific 22 information about any investigation, but do you have --</p>	<p>Page 89</p> <p>1 <b>A. This specific version, I'm not 100 percent sure, but -- I couldn't say for sure.</b></p> <p>2 Q. What are instances where you presented some 3 version of this slide show?</p> <p>4 <b>A. The one I recall is -- would be the Secretary of State's annual elections conference for elections administrators.</b></p> <p>5 Q. And in that conference, who are you presenting 6 this slide show to?</p> <p>7 <b>A. Elections officials.</b></p> <p>8 Q. What is the purpose of giving this presentation 9 to election officials?</p> <p>10 <b>A. To inform them about election integrity efforts and enforcement and to give them some information on what they can look for in terms of detecting election fraud and how to report it.</b></p> <p>11 Q. If you wouldn't mind turning to Bates 12 No. 054641.</p> <p>13 <b>A. Okay.</b></p> <p>14 Q. Can you describe this slide?</p> <p>15 <b>A. So this slide is intended to show some examples or representations of examples of mail ballot application activity that might be associated with -- with fraud or vote harvesting operations.</b></p> <p>16 Q. Does this slide show tools that your office</p>
<p>1 does your office have methods by which you would detect 2 potential illegal vote harvesting?</p> <p>3 MR. HUDSON: Same objections.</p> <p>4 <b>A. We have --</b></p> <p>5 MR. HUDSON: Same instruction.</p> <p>6 <b>A. We have other methods.</b></p> <p>7 Q. All right. I'm going to show you a document 8 that we can mark Exhibit 5.</p> <p>9 (Exhibit 5 marked.)</p> <p>10 MS. PERALES: What are you marking? You 11 tell me. This is 5?</p> <p>12 MS. PAIKOWSKY: This is 5.</p> <p>13 Q. (By Ms. Paikowsky) Do you recognize this 14 document? Sorry, and I should say this is marked 15 State -- Bates No. State 05462.</p> <p>16 <b>A. Yes, I believe I do.</b></p> <p>17 Q. And what is this document?</p> <p>18 <b>A. It is a PowerPoint file including some information about election integrity at the Attorney General's Office.</b></p> <p>19 Q. Who created this PowerPoint?</p> <p>20 <b>A. I guess a collaboration involving myself and some other members of our team, I'm not sure exactly who.</b></p> <p>21 Q. What has the slide show been used for?</p>	<p>Page 90</p> <p>1 uses to detect vote harvesting and impersonations?</p> <p>2 <b>A. The intent was to show elections administrators items that they might detect, and if looking -- if looked into further might find evidence of fraud that they would report to our office.</b></p> <p>3 Q. So is it fair to say that the examples you see 4 here might give your office or others cause to 5 investigate potential absentee ballot by mail fraud?</p> <p>6 <b>A. They might if we received a complaint with this type of information inside of it.</b></p> <p>7 Q. Have there been instances -- again, not going 8 into privileged information about any specific 9 investigation -- have there been instances in the past 10 where your office has received a complaint that includes 11 an example that you -- similar to those that you've 12 provided here to detect a vote harvesting?</p> <p>13 <b>A. Yes.</b></p> <p>14 Q. To your knowledge, will your office continue to 15 rely on this tool to detect vote harvesting?</p> <p>16 <b>A. We'll continue to rely on complaints that have credible information about election fraud.</b></p> <p>17 Q. And the kinds of evidence that you might 18 consider credible evidence warranting an investigation 19 would be -- would include what's provided on this slide 20 show?</p>

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1 or some other polling place, and without respect to  
 2 whether the food is being offered as an inducement to  
 3 vote, but just having a barbecue set up, chicken plates  
 4 on the lawn of the county courthouse, outside the  
 5 electioneering zone does not violate Texas law, right?

6 MR. HUDSON: Objection, form, incomplete  
 7 hypothetical. Objection, asked and answered.  
 8 Objection, foundation. Go ahead.

9 **A. I -- yeah, I mean, I might miss something, but,  
 10 you know, absent -- absent some facts that actually  
 11 indicate an offense under the Election Code or some  
 12 other code, no, I mean people can gather and have food.**

13 Q. And you mentioned that the chicken plate is a  
 14 phenomenon of South Texas. Is that what you've heard?

15 **A. That's what I've heard.**

16 Q. Are you aware that campaigns set up barbecues  
 17 and tents and lawn chairs and hand out food to people in  
 18 other parts of Texas besides South Texas?

19 **A. That wouldn't surprise me to hear that. I just  
 20 haven't heard a lot of those stories.**

21 Q. What percent of the cases that you have  
 22 prosecuted of voter assistance fraud have involved Anglo  
 23 defendants versus non Anglo defendants?

24 **A. No idea.**

25 Q. Have you ever seen an instance where a voter

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1 voting for other people, basically?

2 **A. Sure. Well, the one that comes to mind  
 3 immediately is the one associated with the victim's  
 4 assistance coordinator of Omar Escobar, whose vote  
 5 harvesting operation caught up a deceased voter who had  
 6 been -- who had passed away nine years earlier, and  
 7 applied for a mail ballot for that voter, and that mail  
 8 ballot got voted. The issue in the case was actually  
 9 pending that offense to the specific person, and we  
 10 ultimately did not obtain that conviction against  
 11 Ms. Garza in that case.**

12 Q. Did you charge her? Did you go to court?

13 **A. We did.**

14 Q. Was she acquitted?

15 **A. No.**

16 Q. The charges were dropped?

17 **A. The charges were dropped.**

18 Q. Okay. Do you have any sense of the relative  
 19 proportion of fraud that occurs by family members voting  
 20 for other family members versus one of these vote  
 21 harvesting operations that you've identified in your  
 22 chart?

23 **A. I have a very general sense of it based on just  
 24 a cumulative 14 years of dealing with cases.**

25 Q. And what is your sense?

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1 cast a ballot for a family member who was ineligible  
 2 because the family member was dead?

3 **A. I'm trying to think of whether I have any of  
 4 those cases on the resolved prosecutions spreadsheet.  
 5 But I -- I could say I have seen that scenario, but I  
 6 would be limited to talking about the facts of those  
 7 scenarios unless they've been resolved prosecutions.**

8 Q. Would the answer be the same if I asked you if  
 9 you've ever seen instances where a voter cast the ballot  
 10 for a family member who was ineligible because the  
 11 family member was no longer a resident of the  
 12 jurisdiction?

13 **A. We've had lots of residency cases, but I don't  
 14 remember one where a vote was cast for a family member.**

15 Q. You've never seen, for example, parents vote a  
 16 mail ballot for a child who's in college but that child  
 17 is already gone and voting on their own wherever they  
 18 went?

19 **A. I don't recall the fact of the family member  
 20 voting another family member's ballot who had, you know,  
 21 vacated the residency or moved their residency.**

22 Q. Can you give me any other examples of a voter  
 23 casting a ballot for another voter who is ineligible  
 24 either because of felony convictions, deceased, absent,  
 25 no longer a resident? Any other examples of people

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1 **A. The exception to the rule.**

2 Q. What would be fair to say, also, though, that  
 3 you are less likely to learn of an instance in which a  
 4 family member votes for another family member because  
 5 it's isolated and there are fewer people to report it?

6 **A. I would say we're probably equally likely to  
 7 learn of it if the voter is deceased, for example,  
 8 because there are ways that gets flagged by the system.  
 9 If it's a -- we might -- anytime a voter is aware that  
 10 their ballot has been taken and voted against their will  
 11 or they show up to vote in person to vote but they're  
 12 told, "No, you've already voted by mail," or something  
 13 like that, it's fairly likely that that could get  
 14 reported.**

15 **So I think I agree with the premise that  
 16 it is probably more likely in a number of situations for  
 17 a vote harvesting operation to be reported than a family  
 18 member. It's also not across the board, and there are  
 19 other factors in a vote harvesting operation that make  
 20 it extremely unlikely for those offenses to be reported,  
 21 as well, such as the fact that if it's done correctly,  
 22 vote harvesting is invisible to the voter. "Someone  
 23 stopped by to help me with my ballot," and as far as the  
 24 voter knows, they voted exactly the way the voter wanted  
 25 them to vote, because I asked you, "Who would you like**

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1 to vote for for this race?" And I may or may not  
 2 mention the down ballot races, which I fill in for the  
 3 people that I'm actually working for, because I don't  
 4 care about who's up ballot when I'm vote harvesting. I  
 5 care about local elections that I'm getting paid for.

6 So, you know, done properly, vote  
 7 harvesting is invisible to the voter, and unless there's  
 8 a situation where something has been just completely --  
 9 you know, without the voter's knowledge or consent,  
 10 there has been an application for a mail ballot and they  
 11 are planning on voting in person and find out that,  
 12 "Wait a second. No, I already voted by mail? No, I  
 13 don't." That's going to get reported a lot of the time,  
 14 you know. So I agree and -- and would disagree or  
 15 distinguish --

16 Q. Uh-huh.

17 A. -- on other grounds.

18 Q. Is it also the case that if a voter assister, a  
 19 mail ballot voter assister is doing everything the way  
 20 that they are supposed to do, that the experience is  
 21 similarly seamless for the voter, who understands that  
 22 the assister is filling out according to their wishes  
 23 and helping them with the ballot and in a completely  
 24 appropriate way. The voter would similarly have a  
 25 seamless and non-troubling experience with that?

1 A. Yeah. And I would say it's more likely that  
 2 the voter would have a bad experience when the vote  
 3 harvester is doing the wrong thing, but, yeah, I think  
 4 that that's the challenging -- that's the challenge of  
 5 investigating mail ballot fraud and proving it after the  
 6 fact, is that, done correctly, it may look to the voter  
 7 just like it's done appropriately.

8 Q. I'm going to ask you no more questions about  
 9 your testimony.

10 Is it -- is it your contention that when  
 11 you are advising a legislator during the legislative  
 12 process about facts related to voter fraud, that you  
 13 have an attorney-client relationship with the  
 14 legislator?

15 MR. HUDSON: I'm going to object to the  
 16 extent that that would encourage attorney-client  
 17 privilege between me and my client, or attorney work  
 18 product, or legislative privilege. To the extent that  
 19 you can answer that without revealing any  
 20 attorney-client privilege or any other privileges,  
 21 you're free to do so. Otherwise, I'm instructing you  
 22 not to answer.

23 A. I don't know that I can.

24 THE REPORTER: Can we take a short break?  
 25 (Brief recess.)

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MS. PERALES: Yes.

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2 Q. Okay. We're back on the record. I was -- and  
 3 I'm also checking -- okay. I was asking you some  
 4 questions about the attorney-client relationship.

5 Look, it's the end. You can see right  
 6 here, there's nothing -- there's nothing down below,  
 7 so --

8 MR. HUDSON: You can't sweet talk him into  
 9 answering your question.

10 THE WITNESS: That's exciting.

11 MR. HUDSON: For purposes of the record,  
 12 we're all laughing. I know this isn't being recorded,  
 13 but I want to make it very clear that we're all  
 14 chuckling about that one.

15 MS. PERALES: Yes, it's all in good humor.  
 16 And I've been foiled by Mr. Hudson and my charm  
 17 offensive.

18 Q. (By Ms. Perales) So I do have some questions  
 19 for you about the attorney-client privilege, which is,  
 20 is there a difference, in your mind, in terms of whether  
 21 you've formed an attorney-client relationship with a  
 22 legislator or whether you are giving fact information --  
 23 for example, like the number of prosecutions or what a  
 24 prosecution was about -- versus advising them on  
 25 something like the interpretation of statutory language?

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1 Do you draw a distinction there at all?

2 MR. HUDSON: I'm going to object. That's  
 3 an improper contention. Mr. White is here as a fact  
 4 witness, not to give legal opinions about  
 5 attorney-client, attorney work product. We also have a  
 6 stipulation on the record. With that, I'll instruct you  
 7 not to answer to the extent that your answer would  
 8 encroach on any stipulated privileges. To the extent  
 9 that you can answer, you're free to do so.

10 A. I don't -- I don't know that I can.

11 Q. Okay. Well, that was -- that is me kind of  
 12 getting closer to what I really want to ask you about,  
 13 which is discussions that you've had with legislators  
 14 that you consider not privileged by the attorney-client  
 15 privilege. Not every discussion you've ever had with a  
 16 legislator can be understood to be attorney-client  
 17 privileged. Would you agree with me on that?

18 A. Certainly not questions that I was asked at a  
 19 legislative committee hearing. Things like that would  
 20 be -- would be covered, I would agree.

21 Q. So for the purpose of the record, are you  
 22 asserting that any private conversation you would have  
 23 had with a legislator, regardless of the content, would  
 24 be privileged as attorney-client privilege?

25 MR. HUDSON: Same objections.